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REPORT

SUBJECT Soviet Naval Vessels Observed in
Kronshtadt, Leningrad, and the Baltic

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Five reports describing Soviet naval vessels observed in Kronshtadt, Leningrad,
and the Baltic Sea

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Subject

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| 1 | Unidentified naval vessels, briefly described, observed near Sur-Sari and near and in Kronshtadt. |
| 2 | Kronshtadt area: cruisers [redacted] submarines [redacted] RIGA-class escort vessel [redacted] observation of a vessel laying buoys. |
| 3 | Group of eight possible destroyers [redacted] maneuvering in the Baltic. A medium-sized submarine observed in the Morsk. Kanal in Leningrad. Strict controls in Leningrad. |
| 4 | In Kronshtadt: Cruiser ADMIRAL MAKAROV, [redacted] Z-class submarine [redacted] cruiser |
| 5 | In Kronshtadt: unidentified naval vessels, [redacted] submarines [redacted] cruisers [redacted] five destroyers [redacted] |

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2. [redacted] in a position fifteen nautical miles west of Kronstadt, a submarine and a destroyer were seen moving west at a speed of about sixteen knots. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] the following vessels were seen in Kronstadt:

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- a. Four large naval vessels. Two of the vessels seemed to be lying in dry-dock. Work was being done on the conning-towers of these ships.

Description: The vessels were about 5-6000 tons, had two masts and two smokestacks placed at a distance from each other. [redacted] one cannon tower forward, and one on the afterdeck, each of them with three mouths. [redacted]

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- b. A destroyer, about 3,000 tons, with two smokestacks and two cannon towers.

4. [redacted] no naval vessels were seen in the Morskoi Channel. [redacted]

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1. NAVAL

[redacted] outside of Kronstadt, a large naval vessel was observed.

[redacted] The ship had two smokestacks and two masts.

The command tower over the bridge stood on a superstructure of thick pillars. 50X1-HUM

Inside the harbor, a large naval vessel was seen [redacted]

[redacted] the vessel was a former German cruiser. Because of its position, [redacted] unable to give a detailed description. 50X1-HUM

Between Seskar and Kronstadt, a mother ship was seen shooting out a number of buoys. The buoys were cone-shaped, and each one had a long pole with a flag on it. The distance between each buoy was about 25 meters. The mother ship was a tramp steamer of about 2500-3000 tons, with a short midships super-structure with a smokestack. The vessel was very like the "Frerikstad type" (boilers on deck). Behind the row of buoys, two submarines and one destroyer were observed, seemingly engaged in maneuvers together. 50X1-HUM

Description of the submarines: The vessels were alike [redacted]

[redacted] Large subs, with no visible armaments. Tower straight up forward. 50X1-HUM
Exhaust pipe at an angle out and up from the stern edge of the top of the tower and a gradation at the stern.

Description of the destroyer: [redacted] flat-decked vessel with a 50X1-HUM
markedly high bow, a broad, backward-sloping smokestack. [redacted]
a destroyer of the RIGA class [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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SUBJECT: Shipping Report BALTIC SEA - LENINGRAD.

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1. NAVY.

[redacted] a naval exercise was seen in the BALTIC SEA, 50X1-HUM
NW of DAGO in approx. position 59°15' N - 22°10' E.
8 vessels were observed which lay dispersed without any
apparent plan or formation. [redacted]

[redacted] None of the
vessels moved with any speed. 50X1-HUM

Description: [redacted] "destroyers". 50X1-HUM
They were not alike as some had one funnel but others had
two. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] The leading vessel was larger than the remainder [redacted]

[redacted] a submarine was observed which was towed up
MORSKOI CANAL in LENINGRAD. The boat came under its own
power in to the southern basin, where two tug boats took
over for towing up the canal.

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Description: The submarine was commissioned [redacted]
[redacted] The boat had no visible
artillery. [redacted] estimated the size to be "medium". 50X1-HUM

Following observations made at Kronstadt:

A. Moored to the right as one enters the port was the cruiser [] AMIRAL MAKHAROV.

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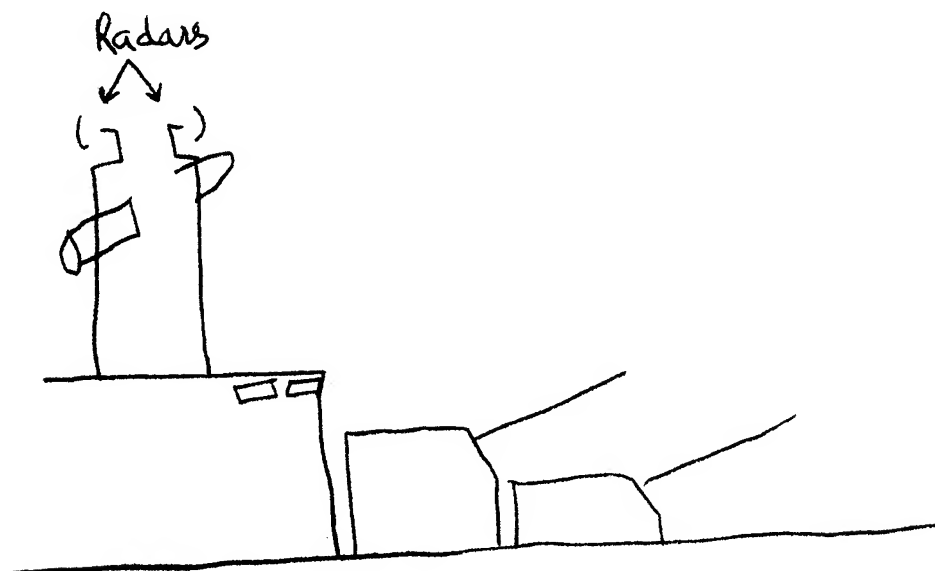
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B. In the port, Z-class Submarine []

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C. In slip, Cruiser [] Huge foremast forming a whole with bridge and fore gun turrets--the rear bloc under scaffolding--the forebloc is finished.

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On 29 August 1958, the following naval vessels were observed in Kronstadt:

vessel [redacted] at anchor;

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vessel [redacted] at the outer mole; [redacted] was smaller than No

1 vessel [redacted] at the inner edge of the
outer mole;

submarines pendant [redacted]

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cruisers pendant [redacted] (probably destroyers);

5 destroyers in a pack. [redacted]

auxiliary vessel [redacted] and

4 motor torpedo boats.

Comment. [redacted] a minesweeper of the T-43 Class [redacted]
was observed in Kronstadt for the first time on 22 June 1958.
[redacted] presumably [redacted] a submarine chaser of the KRONSTADT
Class and serves as patrol or guard boat.

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